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Marginal Column By EMMY LAUREN

"O Messieurs les assassins!" "If we are to abolish the death penalty I should like to see the first step taken by our good friends, the murderers." This remark by a French journalist, Alphonse KARR, at the time of a debate on capital punishment in Paris more than 100 years ago has become a household word—but not the last thing to be said on that issue. The debate continues in this country among others, and the publication of a report by a Royal Commission in London must be considered as an important contribution.

THE commission was some-what ill-starred; it took four years to produce its findings, and following the great Parliamentary debate on capital punishment in 1948, it was precluded from recommending total abolition. Nevertheless, its report contains several important proposals, which, if implemented, would be tantamount to abolishing the death penalty. According to the new principles suggested, the jury, not the judge, would decide who is to hang and who not. (At present, the measure of punishment is decided by the judge while the function of the jury is to pronounce a verdict.) This incidentally, also implies a novelty in procedure. Each trial would be divided into two parts: in the first, only the issue of guilt would be decided, while in the second, extenuating circumstances might be taken into account, and, if found extenuating, fresh evidence might be introduced.

OTHER proposals concern raising the minimum age for capital punishment from 18 to 21 and laying much greater stress upon extenuating circumstances in order to prevent too emotional an approach. It would be interesting to know whether this report was influenced by the Evans case which has become a cause célèbre in Britain. In recent months Timothy Evans, it will be remembered, was found guilty of having killed his wife and child, and was executed in 1950. He denied his guilt, and accused a man, later proved to have strangled his wife and child, to wit, John Christie.

AFTER the Christie trial, there was a strong demand (also in Parliament) to review the Evans case, and the Home Secretary commissioned a well-known Q.C., Mr. Scott Henderson, to review the case. The Scott Henderson report was published some time ago, but was at once dubbed as an attempt to whitewash the hangman's institutions. Lengthy and acrimonious exchanges followed and now the general opinion is that there might have been a miscarriage of justice.

BE it as it may, Parliament will now have to decide whether or not to accept the Royal Commission's report on capital punishment. Weighty arguments can be brought forward on either side: why should the jury's judgment be more trustworthy than that of the judge? Why should it be burdened with a task which, at least some of its members would be disagreeable? Opinion in Parliament is (with some important exceptions) more or less divided, according to party lines, most of the Labour members opposing capital punishment, most Conservatives opposing abolition. At all events, it appears that both sides will try to prevent the question of capital punishment from passing through the vicissitudes suffered by the steel industry. The hangman will go on holiday if Labour gets into power, and he will be recalled if the Conservatives win the next election. The compromise appears to be obvious: to give much wider scope to extenuating circumstances and while not abolishing capital punishment, letting it serve as a deterrent in the worst cases of premeditated murder. Incidentally, it seems to have become the practice in this country. Of course, it would be best if Messieurs les assassins were to begin, but according to reports from various parts of the world, including Japan, they are not yet ready to do so.

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France to Ratify E.D.C. After Saar Settlement

CAEN, Normandy, Saturday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Joseph Laniel today reaffirmed that his Government would ask Parliament to ratify the European Army Treaty only after a settlement of the Saar problem, an agreement on British association and the signing of the interpretative protocol to the Treaty.

Referring to future British association with the European Army, Laniel said, "You will have read that hopes can now be entertained on this subject."

Foreign Minister Georges Bidault and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer were due to examine "problems of interest to France and Germany" — notably the Saar question and nationalization of the interpretative protocol. M. Laniel told a public meeting here, "Once these conversations have reached a conclusion, the Government will ask Parliament to enter on its agenda the ratification of the European Defence Community Treaty," he said.

No Economic Anxiety
Dealing with the country's economic situation, the Premier said that the Treasury position no longer caused any anxiety for the coming months. The position of the development of the economy, "constitutes an unchangeable symptom of our recovery."

France was again becoming an exporter of foodstuffs. "As from this year, we shall sell on foreign markets three million quintals of wheat, and we will neglect nothing to increase our export of agricultural products," M. Laniel continued.

He added that his Government had achieved a fundamental change in the Indo-Chinese situation by promising independence to the Associated States of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, and by obtaining from the U.S. the financial participation required to equip the national Indo-Chinese armies.

Indian General Quells PoW Riot
SEOUL, Saturday. — Anti-Communist Chinese prisoners of war yesterday seized an Indian officer of the war prisoners custodian group fell silent when the Indian commander, Major-General Thorat, calmly: "What kind of Chinese are you? Where is your hospitality? You have offered my men neither tea nor cigarettes."

The Chinese released the officer unharmed and invited the commander, Major-General Thorat, into a tent to discuss the matter. They decided to put their complaints in writing to the Repatriation Commission.

They had demanded the return of one of their number who, after he had reached Indian custody, had been changed to a prisoner of war. Thorat himself was unhurt.

Calumnies Save Day
"It was the sheer calmness of Major-General Thorat which saved the situation," the spokesman said. "The speaker said: 'More than 500 Indian reinforcements arrived in Japan today on route to Korea, where 5,000 Indian troops are guarding recaptured prisoners in the demilitarized zone.'"

Meanwhile, the Allied-Communist dispute on the methods to be used in explaining to talking prisoners that they should return home was settled today. The Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission announced that it had adopted rules under which U.N. and Communist representatives will attempt to persuade their respective men to return home.

The U.N. stated today that Chinese prisoners who had refused repatriation previously have now demanded to return home. They were transferred to the Indian custody only three days ago. This is the largest single group to have changed its mind of the more than 22,000 North Korean and Chinese prisoners. Thirty-eight prisoners had previously announced their decision to go North.

(Reuter, UP)

French to Grant 'Legitimate' Aims of Tunisians

TUNIS, Saturday (Reuter). — France's new President-General in Tunisia, M. Pierre Viotard, told the Bey today that France "intends to satisfy the legitimate aspirations of the Tunisian people."

He drove straight from El Rouina airport to the Bey's palace in Carthage to present his credentials after his arrival from Paris by air.

M. Viotard said in a prepared address that it was his Government's policy to "encourage the harmonious development of Tunisian institutions within the framework of Tunisian sovereignty," and deplored the fact that "our friends should be divided by present misunderstandings."

The French Government, he added, would act in a spirit of trust and understanding. Only with the support of "all reasonable men" free from any kind of fear or pressure could France and Tunisia carry out the constructive task which Tunisian youth was eagerly awaiting.

M. Viotard stated the benefits which had been achieved for Tunisia must not be compromised by violence and passion. "It is also obvious," he said, "that no new venture can be embarked on until public order is respected. Only in a calm and purified atmosphere can we begin our work which should lead to peace and concord."

In reply, Bey Sid Lamine said he hoped that by now everyone had understood that constructive solutions could not be arrived at through acts of violence.

French Police Inspector Maurice Leblond was assassinated in Casablanca on Friday in front of a mosque in the Moroccan quarter of the town. Ten shots were fired at him, causing instant death.

EVER FASTER
CASTLE BRIDGE, Saturday (Reuter). — Lt. Commander Michael Lithgow zoomed into a double victory roll over the airport here today after his new jet plane, a Gloster Meteor, had broken out in a speed record, indicating that he had bettered his record figures set yesterday.

The Meteor, a four-engine jet fighter, was flown by Lithgow at a speed of 1,133 kilometres an hour.

FILES LOST IN COURT FIRE
TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITM). — Firemen toiled for over two hours this evening to put out a fire which broke out in the filing room of the Magistrate's Court in Rehov Yehuda Halevi here. They managed to save 80% of the court files, but a number were lost in the blaze.

The fire was first reported at 7:35 p.m. by the night porter of a hotel housed in the same building. The cause is not yet known.

Importance of Negev Is Shown As Defence, Economic, Cultural Area
By a Special Correspondent

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — The first three sessions of the 9th Archaeological Conference which have been made in recent years. No longer is the Negev territory inconspicuous.

Lectures by Professor B. Mazar, Professor M. Schwabe, Mr. S. Yavin, Professor W. C. Low, and others, discussed the importance of the Negev in the history of the Jewish people.

Professor Mazar, President of the Hebrew University, underlined the fact that the Negev, probably Canaanite and Kushite, served as a bridge between the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

European Council Backs Big-4 Talks

STRASBOURG, Saturday (Reuter). — Parliamentarians from 15 European nations today called for an all-out effort to end East-West tension, and strongly backed the Western Powers' recent proposal to Moscow for a four conference next month.

But in overwhelmingly adopting their "European foreign policy" they insisted that non-Communist countries should continue rearmament until the Soviet Union agreed to disarm.

The foreign policy programme was voted by 76 votes to seven with 11 abstentions in the Council of Europe's assembly at its autumn session.

The programme endorsed Western plans to rearm West Germany.

British Labour's New Policy Statement
MARGATE, Saturday (Reuter). — A new foreign policy statement issued by the Labour Party yesterday deplores "the failure of the Western Powers to maintain the initiative in efforts to break the East-West deadlock."

The document, prepared for Labour's annual conference opening here on Monday, supports Sir Winston Churchill by urging fresh efforts for "highest level" talks with Russia at the earliest possible date.

The policy statement, which takes the form of a resolution approved by Labour's entire National Executive Committee, makes these other policy recommendations:

• No German rearmament before further efforts have been made to secure the peaceful reunification of Germany.

• Rejection of any policy of forcible liberation of Eastern Europe.

• If the Communists break through in Korea the U.N. must resist the renewed aggression but hostilities must not be extended beyond Korea.

• The problem of Formosa should be referred to its proper place in the U.N. and should be neutralized for a period.

• The object of the Korean political conference should be a united, free, democratic and neutralized Korea.

• Peace should be established in Indo-China through negotiations by France and the Associated States (Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos) which should become "fully independent."

PASSAGE ON ISRAEL
By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent
Jerusalem, Saturday. — A reference to Israel is contained in the Labour Party Executive's official resolution on foreign policy adopted at the Margate Conference next week is expected to adopt.

The passage, which occupies a prominent place in the text, runs: "The Labour Party urges exertion of British influence to prevent any renewal of hostilities or an armistice race between the Arab States, and to bring about a peace settlement on which constructive cooperation can be based."

There is no mention of the Middle East or of the Arab States, or of the reference to Israel in the Labour Party's official resolution on foreign policy adopted at the Margate Conference next week is expected to adopt.

Eban Discusses Syrian Threats With Dulles

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — Syria's threats on the Huleh development project were discussed here yesterday by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Informal quarters disclosed that Mr. Eban also expressed to Mr. Dulles Israel's concern over possible American shipments of arms to the Arab States. He is said to have told Mr. Dulles that his Government felt it would be "imprudent" to give arms to the Arabs before a secure peace had been established in the Middle East.

The two diplomats conferred for an hour and a quarter at the Ambassador's request. It was noted that their discussion lasted well beyond the scheduled appointment, as a group of high American officials, including the Secretary of the Treasury and the Foreign Operations Administration, waited in the corridor for a quarter of an hour to see Mr. Dulles.

Cover Everything Important
Mr. Eban, who has just returned from two weeks of consultation in Jerusalem, said reporters that he and Mr. Dulles had gone over "everything important" concerning Israel-U.S. relations.

"We went into a very close and detailed survey of our outstanding problems," he stated.

It was learned that Mr. Eban discussed the possibility of Israel receiving some military aid from the U.S. and that the U.S. had agreed to supply a quantity of arms to Israel.

An informed Israeli source pointed out that his country had applied for military aid and that the U.S. had agreed to supply a quantity of arms to Israel.

Mr. Eban was accompanied by Mr. Reuven Shiloah, newly arrived Israeli Minister in Washington. (ISA, UP)

SHARETT SEES U.K. U.S. DIPLOMATS

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett invited today to his home in Tel Aviv, the British Ambassador, Sir Francis Evans, and the American Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Francis H. Russell, to his home at Tel Aviv.

Mr. Sharett also met the French Ambassador, M. P.E. Gilbert, on Friday.

Syria Warning To Israel Due Tomorrow

Syria is to issue an announcement within the next 48 hours warning Israel to stop work on the Jordan River scheme or to face the first of the Arab States' counter measures, ANA reported last night.

The Arab News Agency reported yesterday that General Bannike, U.N. Chief of Staff, had submitted a complaint to the U.N. Security Council charging Israel with failure to stop work on the Jordan River scheme.

General Bannike was also said to have met yesterday in Amman with the heads of the Arab States, and to have urged them to report to their Governments on Israel's attitude.

NEAHS announced that a special representative of General Bannike arrived in Damascus on Saturday to deliver an urgent message from the General to the Syrian Government on the Jordan River dispute.

US, Spain Sign 20-Year Military Aid Accord

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The U.S. and Spain today signed a 20-year defence agreement in Madrid giving America the right to develop and use naval and air bases on Spanish soil and assuring Spain of American equipment.

The State Department announced that assistance to Spain totalling \$22m. would be given under the Mutual Security Programme by next June 30. Of this \$22m. would be for defence support and \$14m. for actual military equipment.

The agreement was signed by the Spanish Foreign Minister, Senor Alberto Martin Artal, and by the American Ambassador to Spain, Mr. James Dunn.

The major aim of American aid is to modernize Spain's Army and Naval forces. The Spanish Army is now estimated to consist of 30 divisions.

The specific bases to be developed initially by the U.S. at a cost to be added to the \$22m. aid, were not named in the agreement, which became effective upon signature and will be in force for a period of ten years, automatically extended for two successive periods of five years' unless formally terminated by either party.

The agreement was described by State Department officials as "executive," and thus not subject to Senate ratification. It follows 17 months of talks between American and Spanish officials.

Under the terms of the agreement, the U.S. will start construction to develop a number of existing Spanish military fields for joint use by the Spanish and the U.S. Air Forces and will modernize certain naval facilities for use by the Spanish and U.S. Navies.

Austrian Restitution Talks Reopen This Week

VIENNA, Saturday (Reuter). — Talks with delegates of the Jewish Material Claims Conference on restitution claims on Austria would probably be resumed at the end of the week, an Austrian Government spokesman said yesterday.

As the Jewish representatives were reported to have reduced their original claims by more than 50% after the talks, the Austrian Government spokesman said yesterday.

The main topics of the talks are indemnification of the Jewish victims of Nazism in Austria who now live abroad and the handing over of heirless, former Jewish property in Austria to Austrian Jewish organizations.

700 Bond Leaders Gather in US Capital to Review Achievements

By JESSE ZEL LURIE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Saturday. — About 700 Bond leaders gathered here this evening to review the achievements of the Independence Bonds drive.

Mr. Eban by his request to stop work on the Jordan River scheme, ANA reported last night.

Delegates will discuss whether the second issue is to be in "project," or general Government bonds; interest rates, leadership, relations with the United Jewish Appeal and the Welfare Funds. Any conclusions on these matters will be presented to the Israeli Government at next month's Jerusalem Conference of Israel and American Jewish leaders which will make the final decisions.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, President of the Bond Drive, told this evening's conference that Americans would not tell Israel how to manage their economic affairs but might give them advice.

When the Jews of America "use the power of the purse to put pressure on Israel, the violence to Israel's sovereignty is increased," Mr. Morgenthau said with emphasis, causing the audience to wonder as to what he was specifically referring.

Some delegates thought that it was efforts to enlarge the Jewish Agency Executive by including UJA and Welfare Fund leaders, who provide the bulk of the Agency's resources.

Mr. Morgenthau then proceeded to give advice, recommending that in fiscal policies which he thought would give Israel a year ago is left, reflecting the swift stride in agricultural and industrial expansion."

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The statement by General Vagb Bennishe Chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, requesting a stoppage of work on the Jordan River hydro-electric project has introduced a new departure in the demilitarized zones.

Formerly discussed in the demilitarized zones have dealt only with those parts of the project in hand which have had a direct bearing on the terms of the armistice agreement. In no case has a political issue been raised, for the principles governing such works have been clearly defined both by Acting Mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche, in a letter to Israel's Foreign Minister in June 1949, and by General Riley in his capacity of Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization.

In his letter to Mr. Sharet, Dr. Bunche stated that the United Nations would ensure that demilitarized zones would not be a vacuum or a wasteland, while General Riley told the Security Council on May 2, 1951 that they had only to do with questions involving land within the demilitarized zone which is the property of the Arab refugees, adding "...I feel that the United Nations should never impede progressive work."

General Bennishe's departure from precedent appears to introduce two novel features. He has entered the political field by raising the question of reconstruction and development work as a whole; and on the practical side, he has introduced the unexpected proviso that development work cannot be continued in "view of the absence of agreement"—without clearly indicating, Israel apart, the other party to the agreement.

That it has always been the policy of the Arab States, Syria among them, to obstruct any work leading to Israel's economic development, should be well known to General Bennishe. Equally it is implicit in the armistice agreement, as in the statements of Dr. Bunche and General Riley, that Israel's progress cannot be made conditional on the concurrence of Syria or any other Arab State.

In the opinion of the U.N. Chief of Staff, the development work on the Jordan alters the military position between the two countries, but the preservation of the military balance was originally envisaged only within the context of the truce agreement, which preceded the armistice agreement and therefore had validity for a very limited period of time. This lay at the bottom of the ruling by the late Count Bernadotte stopping immigration into Israel of persons of military age. This ruling was waived and immigration commenced immediately the truce agreements were superseded by the armistice. In any case, to accept the contention of the Syrians that development work in Israel implies variation in the military status quo would mean the stoppage of all enterprises designed to increase Israel's economic potential.

It is sad to reflect that the overborne by Syrian threats and found himself in dangerous political fields lying outside the context of the armistice agreement, is done to the detriment of Arab land in the demilitarized zone. It has been clearly demonstrated that the Arab lands have been affected in the present Jordan development work, not even the notorious seven dunams which figured so prominently in the armistice agreement.

Should the present issue be taken by Syria to the Security Council, that body will have ample precedents to uphold its position. It is to be hoped that this country is permitted to continue with the peaceful development of all areas of Israel, including the demilitarized zones, provided that Arab owned land in these zones is not touched without the consent of its owners.

Once he had taken the political field, General Bennishe had an opportunity of telling Syria that it was a patent fact that Israel had expressed its readiness at all times to discuss matters with any Arab State by direct negotiation. To have stressed this point might have been useful. Instead, he has been driven beyond his line of duty by bombastic threats based on a number of calculated misrepresentations which even the General himself would not make.

Profile—WILLIAM ALBRIGHT

In order courtesy to evaluate the achievements of W. F. Albright, one would have to be a specialist in the many subjects connected with the history of the Orient. For there is no field of research into the ancient East to which Albright has not made an appreciable contribution, whether by way of discovery, deciphering, research, analytical dissection or synthesis.

And how vast is the field! Archaeology, Egyptology, linguistics, historical topography, biblical research, political history, and the history of the Near East in general. Year in, year out, Albright has been publishing numerous articles and papers in various journals and periodicals, some of them out of a lifetime of research.

His last 20 years on the history of the ancient East have been a free to gloss over some of Palestine's archaeological achievements, which it comes to recording the traces of antiquity.

Anyone wishing to appraise the extent of Albright's influence should refer to the books of his chronological method, his historical judgment, or his philological intuition. The scientific discussions between Albright and his colleagues are an instructive and illuminating chapter in the difficult work of summing up the story of ancient Israel.

He has the gift of compressing important statements into a few words, or a few marginal notes. Of his reviews, of current works, one of Israel's leading archaeologists once remarked: "Albright's reviews should be read not for themselves alone but also for the creative insight hidden between the lines, whether it be a review of a book or an article or a paper or a lecture. Albright's thinking has been a whole generation of scholars often more through personal contact and correspondence than through his books and articles. At times, an important article on research will contain the remark: 'I have this from Albright,' or 'Albright wrote this in a letter'."

This method of research springs from his humanistic approach combined with meticulous examination, verification and fusion of details.

From Galilee to the Negev. Albright has directed excavations in Palestine since the twenties and knows the Tel from Galilee to the Negev, from the desert to the sea.

At first he excavated Tel el-Ful to the north of Jerusalem, known as Givat Binyamin or Givat Shaul, the capital of the first King of Israel. After that he directed excavations in the Judean hills south of Hebron at Tel Bet Mirsim, thought to be Kiryat Sopher or the biblical Dvir.

In four seasons (1926-1932) the Tel, which had been settled in the course of 11 periods from the third millennium to 539 B.C.E., was dug up and examined. His report on Tel Mirsim has become a definitive work on Palestine archaeology, especially for its ceramic classifications. The detailed description of the buildings of the later Kings constitutes an instructive chapter on the material history of the kingdom of Judah in its decline.

By exploiting to the full archaeological findings and by scrupulous examination of topographical details, Albright succeeded in identifying many settlements of ancient Palestine. The general reader will have read or at least heard of his works "Archaeology of Palestine," "Archaeology and the Religion of Israel" and "From the Stone Age to Christianity."

There are here no highly condensed extracts of his numerous articles and treatises from which one may gain an insight into his method of biblical research.

In studying Albright's work, it becomes clear to what extent archaeology can only supply an auxiliary commentary on the story of the ages, and the history of the ancient East defines understanding from a mere mechanical blending of particulars and facts instead of a broad historical grasp.

There is here no essential difference between scholars like G. Childe, Albright, Frankfort and Rostovtzev. What they all

have in common is a system of investigating facts and events against a broad historical background. By thus adhering to facts and texts, Albright castigated abstract biblical criticism and suggested a new chronology for the basic periods of Jewish history, such as the Patriarchal, the Exodus, the Law of Moses, the Conquest of Canaan, the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah, and the Prophets—all in their correct context in the setting of the ancient East.

Lower of the Holy Land. Albright has never ceased studying modern historiographical methods. Evidence of this can be found in his work "From the Stone Age to Christianity," the chapters "The Horizons in History" and "Towards an Organic Philosophy of History."

Much of his writing is patently influenced by the horizons of the Old and New Testaments, with any hope of seeing the Jewish scholars who preceded him, to investigate the hidden recesses of the Holy Land. Like them, Albright sees the Land of Israel as the source of western civilization, and like them he is drawn to search out the secrets and material setting of the Bible and the New Testament. But, unlike many of his predecessors, Albright sees in the living Israel a continuation of its ancient glory.

S. ABRAMSKY

Private Capital May Take Over Foreign Investments

Tariff Policies Embarrass America

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN

WASHINGTON. — THE recent assembly in Washington of the Finance Ministers of most of the nations outside the Soviet bloc for the annual meeting of the International Bank and the International Monetary Fund was a source of some embarrassment to the American Administration.

Mr. George Humphrey, the Secretary of the Treasury and his Under-Secretary, Mr. Randolph Burgess, had to demand, in order to satisfy their own consciences, that the other industrial countries take further or continuing steps towards "sound economic policies," the control of inflation and the reduction of tariff barriers against imports, while being unable to promise any speedy action to liberalize American tariff and import policy. They had to ask the under-developed countries to provide better opportunities and conditions for foreign investment, while being unable to promise that the agencies of Government would be increased, or even continued on its present scale.

Public Debate. As far as the liberalization of American tariff and import policy is concerned, however, the Administration has privately made it clear to the British and European officials that they are anxious to take action as soon as a majority in Congress—and the mass of American public opinion—has been convinced of the futility of America's present high tariff laws. Although the Executive Legislation Committee of the Senate Banking Committee is not due to report until next March, and the chief inquiry now being undertaken by the Senate Banking Committee is only now getting under way, Mr. Humphrey is reported to have told all his foreign visitors that he believes in the necessity of a debate will be stimulated during the coming winter by the deliberations of these two bodies, in which the argument for free trade must inevitably triumph, so that the way will be clear for

liberalizing legislation during next year's session of Congress.

While it has been encouraging to discover that Mr. Humphrey's heart is in the right place, it is difficult to share his optimism on this policy. It is by no means certain that public discussion of American trade policy, however sincere, will produce a decisive majority in Congress for the right and its financial ability to continue to use taxpayers' money to finance investments abroad on a large scale. The maintenance of our credit and of a sound dollar is most important for foreign

countries, as it is for us here at home. Yet there are no signs as yet that private American capital is moving abroad at an increased rate, particularly since there is no convincing evidence of the opportunities for investing it profitably within America (and Canada) itself.

It is more than probable that the next six months will see an important public debate on American foreign economic policy; but whether it will follow the lines suggested by Mr. Humphrey, it is still too early to tell. (OFSS)

World Jewish Congress to sort out the receipts, try to trace surviving owners of confiscated property or their heirs, help them to file claims, and to make a formal demand for Government compensation to Jewish organizations for the residue of heirless Jewish property.

Among the receipts was one for 1,500 francs made out to M. Peretz, joint architect of the Tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr.

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Some of the receipts are for pathetically small items of five francs and even less; but others are for veritable fortunes—gold, precious stones, and stocks and shares. It is estimated that the receipts cover property amounting to many billions of francs and belonging to about 80,000 Jews. The latter figure is based on the calculation that there were at least four persons for every receipt issued to the head of a family.

As a result of this discovery, the French Minister of Finance has acceded to a request from the Centre de Documentation that the final date for war damage claims, originally fixed for August 15, be postponed until November 15. This will enable the French office of the

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Private Contact. Mr. Humphrey has this week told the Senate Banking Com-

A One-Year Course For Male and Female Probationary Nurses will open during November at the Malheur Hospital, Be'er Ya'akov and at the Invalids Hostel, Sha'ar Menasheh.

Candidates should be between 18 and 25 years of age with at least Elementary School education, in good health, and exempt from military service.

Applications should be submitted immediately, and not later than October 3, between the hours 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., at "Malheur," 19 Rehov Shmuel Hanagid, Room 25, Tel Aviv, or write to: "Malheur," Nursing Department, P.O.B. 1005, Tel Aviv.

Autumn Manoeuvres, 1953. Every year, the Israel Defence Army holds Manoeuvres with the main aim of examining the preparedness of the defence network in the country. This network concerns all residents of the country. Our essential strength lies in the Reserves and our principal defence depends on fusing the

civilian population with this vital network in an hour of need. Most important—the Manoeuvre tests the strength of each man, the extent of his sense of responsibility as a citizen and his ability to sustain a difficult task, whether in uniform or not.

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Readers' Letters

ISRAELI AGENTS. The Jerusalem Post.

Sir, — While on the one hand private agents of foreign suppliers have been excluded from Israel since the creation of the new State, on the other hand, some commission offices were opened by the Collective Sector during the last few years, with offices abroad and with staff paid in hard currency.

Despite the activity of hundreds of agents before 1948, no country in the world had imports at more convenient prices and conditions (even long term credits) than Palestine. Some Israel agents had such a good name that even merchants and manufacturers from neighbouring countries made special trips to Tel Aviv to place orders for delivery there.

Since most Israel imports are ordered by the Government itself or its competent authorities, the question must be asked: if the goods are purchased at a better price than through agents, in some government quarters it has been recognized that not all direct imports through agents were more expensive despite the small commission. When goods are imported through the intermediary of agents, the price is lower and this is an advantage for the Treasury, because of the additional value of the agent's commission imported into Israel, without any deduction, as the agent has no office and organization abroad.

J. FISCHER.

Ministry Replies. Editor, The Jerusalem Post.

Sir, — Following is the reply of the Ministry of Finance.

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Yours, etc., J. FISCHER.

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